

Statement of Congressman Wally Herger

On Senate Passage of Secure Fence Act

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"I applaud Senate passage of the Secure Fence Act. This important bill will strengthen border security by authorizing extensive fencing and greater use of state-of-the-art surveillance technology along the U.S.-Mexico border. In particular, it provides for over 700 miles of reinforced doubled-fencing along the border.

"By passing this bill, both the House and Senate have recognized that a top priority of our nation's immigration policy must be to secure the border. I commend the President for indicating that he'll sign this measure into law. It is a significant victory toward gaining control of our border."